

Also, a brief description of the drawings has been provided and the designation of LTR has been amended to correspond to the terminology used in Figure 1.

#### Claim Objections

Claims 1-12 have been objected to for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. The above amendments address and overcome each of these objections.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

Claims 4-13 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, in view of alleged non-compliance with 37 CFR 1.803-1.809. The enclosed Statement By Attorney of Record overcomes this ground of rejection.

Claims 1-13 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons set forth on pages 4-7 of the Office Action. The above amendments address and overcome each of these objections.

#### Double Patenting

Claims 1-13 have been provisionally rejected on the ground of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of copending Application No. 09/194,020. The enclosed terminal disclaimer overcomes this ground of rejection.

Claims 1-13 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over copending Application No. 09/194,020. This rejection is respectfully traversed

since the subject matter of cited copending Application No. 09/194,020 and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person. See 35 USC 103(c).

Claims 1-13 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Guilhot et al. The claims as now presented distinguish patentably over this reference. Guilhot et al. does not disclose an avian cell line wherein the cells are immortalized, but untransformed and which comprise, integrated into their genome, an anti-apoptotic gene.

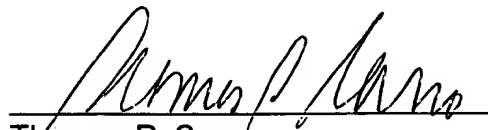
In view of the above amendments, the terminal disclaimer, the Statement by the Attorney of Record, and the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims as amended are now in proper form and ready for allowance.

If the undersigned can be of further assistance in bringing prosecution to close, a telephone call is welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

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